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TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: STATE 003725, STATE 003385

1. EMBOFF INFORMED SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA JANUARY 9 OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL 003725, OUTLINED THE GENERAL BACKGROUND LEADING UP TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE NEW SECTION 116 ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND DESCRIBED PROCEDURE CONTEMPLATED BY CONGRESS FOR ENFORCING THAT SECTION. MENDOZA TOOK MEDICINE COOLLY, AND THEN NOTED MODESTLY THAT PHILIPPINES HAD ESTABLISHED ENVIABLE RECORD IN COOPERATING WITH VISITING ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS. HE PULLED OUT LETTER FROM TOM JONES, HEAD OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TEAM RECENTLY VISITING HERE, WHICH EXTOLLED UNIQUELY COOPERATIVE RESPONSE OF GOP AND PROMISED RETURN TO ENJOY MORE OF FILIPINO HOSPITALITY. MENDOZA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTER FROM ICJ REP.

2. EMBOFF ALSO COMMUNICATED SUBSTANCE REF 003385, NOTING PARTICULARLY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S DESIRE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF RELATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT ON ASSUMPTION IT WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE QUIET BUT POSITIVE RESPONSE TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S REQUEST FOR REFORMS. MENDOZA  
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PICKED UP POINT, SAYING GOP HAD ALREADY TRANSFERRED TWO

ENLISTED MEN ACCUSED OF ABUSES AND WAS AWAITING FURTHER  
DETAILS ON ACCUSED LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

3. COMMENT: EXTENT TO WHICH GOP CAN BE COOPERATIVE ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS OBVIOUSLY LIMITED (1) BY ITS OTHER  
PRIORITIES AND (2) BY EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS  
AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OR ICJ PRESSURE GOP. IN ANY  
EVENT GOP CLEARLY INTENT ON MAKING BEST IMPRESSION  
POSSIBLE.  
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